



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **YAJIMA, Taro, et al.**

Group Art Unit: **1753**

Serial No.: **10/657,192**

Examiner: **Rodney G. McDonald**

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For: **VACUUM APPARATUS AND VACUUM PROCESSING METHOD  
(AS AMENDED)**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 12, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 13, 2006, extended to July 13, 2006 by a one month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Title of the Invention** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.